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Title: India and Climate Change: Why It Matters Globally

Recommendation:

Accept as it isYES.....

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity			✓	
Significance			✓	

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

Abstract – Review

The abstract provides a concise and focused overview of the paper's key arguments. It clearly establishes India's unique position as both a major emitter and a nation highly vulnerable to climate change. The use of constructivism and multi-level governance frameworks signals a theoretically grounded analysis. The abstract effectively captures the tension between development and environmental protection, while also highlighting India's normative role in global climate discourse through its advocacy for climate justice. The concluding emphasis on international cooperation and equitable support underscores the global significance of India's climate pathway. Overall, the abstract is precise, well-structured, and thematically aligned with contemporary climate debates.

Introduction – Review

The introduction successfully situates India in the global climate change landscape. It provides relevant quantitative data (such as India's 2022 CO₂ emissions) to support its claim of India's global significance. The framing of India's dual challenges—mitigation and adaptation—is clear and compelling. By highlighting India's coal dependency alongside its net-zero commitment, the section illustrates the complexity of the energy transition. The introduction also presents the geopolitical dimension through India's climate justice stance, linking it to broader international debates. The articulation of the research question is timely and analytically sharp, and the theoretical grounding in constructivism and multi-level governance sets a strong foundation for academic analysis. The introduction balances empirical evidence with conceptual framing, making a strong case for the global relevance of India's climate policies.

Overall Assessment:

The manuscript is coherent, insightful, and academically rigorous. It integrates empirical data with theoretical perspectives, and demonstrates a nuanced understanding of India's climate politics. The content is well-organized and articulates the broader global implications of India's climate response,

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especially for developing nations and global governance structures. The language is precise and accessible, making it suitable for both academic and policy-oriented audiences.